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Admiral Togo seems to have whipped Rojestvensky to a stand-still, the victory being nearly as decisive as that won by Dewey at Manila or Schley at Santiago. The little Japanese appear to be equally as proficient as the American gunners, for the way they disposed of Russian battleships and cruisers was a caution. It looks as if Russia ought to sue for peace. She has been larruped to a frazzle on land and on sea and her power in the far east is completely broken. It is curious, the results of this war. For a century Russia has had Europe "buffaloed," and now comes a nation scarcely sixty years of age, so far as civilization is concerned, and punctures the bubble and that too very effective-

ly. From this time henceforth Russia will not be a bugaboo. Almost any nation on the continent, with the exception of decrepit old Spain, will be ready and willing to take a fall out of her. William of Germany will doubtless feel no longer afraid of his imperial neighbor. France will realize that her ally doesn't amount to much and even Turkey will turn up her Mohammedan nose.

Internal troubles are prevailing in the empire that bid fair to disrupt it, unless a change is made in the administration of government. The people are demanding certain reforms and will eventually get them, although much blood will doubtless be spilled ere the condition of the peasantry and the middle classes is in any wise ameliorated. It looks as if the judgment of Divinity was in all this and that standing behind the guns of the fleet of Japan were the spectres of the dead, slain by cruel autocrats, and that they pointed the cannon and guided the shells that sent Rojestvensky's fleet down to the bottom.

The sad feature of all is that the sailors drowned and the soldiers killed in this war are the innocent parties to the affair. The bursting shell kills; not those guilty of the grave offenses against humanity that the autocracy has been guilty of, but the ignorant men who are driven forth to fight. However, it was ever thus and Time will right the wrong sooner or later; in this case the probabilities being in favor of a speedy solution of the question.

On more than one occasion Truth has criticised the policy that prompts the moving of street cars during large parades. In no other city is it permitted. Take the capital city of the republic, for instance. When Washington gives consent for a parade, it means that on the streets used by the line of march street traffic ceases. At a given hour the cars, and in fact all vehicles, keep off those avenues. The same condition is true of other places. But in Salt Lake it appears to be different. Just as H. Co. is ordered to "Right Turn," the Waterloo car severs the second from the first platoon while the movement "Squads Right" is chopped up by the chariot from the Oregon Short Line. The G. A. R. veterans are split open by the Salt Palace line, and the Philippine khaki dissipates before the onslaught of the Jordan Bridge cahoose. Spectators are rushed hither and thither and run into the ranks to escape being run over, and the clang of the bells interrupts the music of the bands. It is all wrong; it is a nuisance; it is a positive disgrace that such things are permitted. Parades have rights that street car companies, express wagons and garbage carts ought to be made to respect. The Memorial Day parade in this city was worth locking at; it was a credit to the men who planned it and to the organization that participated, but it was chopped up, interfered with and in many instances endangered by the street cars. The orders issued were for platoon formation, but many com-

manders absolutely declined to parade their men in this fashion, because it would have meant a perpetual movement of so many squads fours, or three from right to rear and then front into line again all along the line. The symmetry and beauty of many evolutions were entirely lost on Tuesday because of this condition and the view of hundreds of spectators shut off from portions of the parade by reason of cars passing in dozens. The company evidently thought its cars were a feature of the parade, and if it pays taxes on all that ran and mixed up matters, surely the city treasury needs no additional revenue. Let the tax rate be lowered, for the citizens no longer need carry the burden.

Some years ago, at the outbreak of the war between Japan and China, the Tribune sent a reporter to interview the adjutant general of this state as to what he, in his military capacity, thought the outcome would be. He gravely occupied about a half column in explaining how the multitudinous chinks would swarm all over the scattering Japs and annihilate them. The opinions of the "naval experts" who, having read the account of the battle in the Yellow sea, are now explaining how Togo thrashed Rojestvensky, sound so similar that memory can be pardoned for calling up the printed conversation of the Utah "general" whose knowledge of military matters was about equal to that possessed by Col. Ed Murtie, who resides with Sol Kimball.

Why doesn't Russia accept the result, like old Spain did when Dewey walloped Montejo, and content herself with the declaration that "it was a sad, but glorious day?"

On Friday and Saturday there will be a Good Roads convention held in this city. We hope there will be a very large attendance. Good roads are something this state needs. Good roads are an indication of progress. Good roads are the means of increasing the value of property. Realty on a paved street is worth more than realty on an unpaved street, and a farm with a good road leading to it will command a higher price than a better farm with poor roads. The movement for good roads is national, and Utah should get on the band wagon.

No, gentle reader, the noticeable increase in temperature in front of the publication office on West Temple is not due to heat from the engine in the basement. Furious J. has returned and is writing hot editorials.

"Day Being Quietly But Enthusiastically Celebrated in Salt Lake," is the headline the Telegram used in part of its Memorial Day story. Let's see what Webster says. "Quiet: Still, tranquil, calm, unruffled, smooth, placid, peaceful, mild, meek, contented." "Enthusiastically, adv.; enthusiastically: Filled with enthusiasm. Enthusiastic: A sense of impassioned emotion, transport; elevation of

fancy, exaltation of soul." Wires crossed somewhere in the Telegram office. All same Josh Billings weather prognostications: "Cloudy, but clear; cold, but warm; chilly, but hot."

#### RUSSIANS GO DOWNSKY.

(No Apologies to Tennysonovitch.)

Up the strait; up the strait;  
Up the strait onsky,  
Right into Togo's fleet  
Sailed Rojestvensky.  
"Forward the Suvaroff,  
Also the Nachimoff,  
And the Donskol,  
Send in the Navarin;  
Keepthemapitchinin"  
Quoth the bold Russian,  
All the guns loaded full;  
Also the seamen;  
Likewise the gunners too  
And most of the captains.  
Right through the fog they roared,  
Each engine's puffski  
Shaking the morning air  
As they sailed onsky.  
The Borodino  
I looking for trouble  
Sailed with the Sissoi,  
While chasing after  
Came the Aurora,  
All hunting Togo up,  
Up past Korea,  
Then from the Nippon fleet  
Belched forth the thunder,  
That made the Russians think  
Some one had blundered.  
"Oh Czar, send us helpski  
From this yellow whelpski,  
Oh, Papa Romanoff  
Please come and takeimoff  
We're going under."  
Bcomed the Jap gunskis  
Oh, what great funsky.  
Up rose the big bubbleskys  
Caused by the troubleskys  
Down into the seavovitch  
Then the whole fleetovitch.  
Hoopla le doodle.  
Ten from the Mikasa  
And the Isaha  
Also the Fuji;  
From the Asama  
And the Shikshima;  
From the Idsumo  
And the Yakumo  
Came the loud cheerovitch  
Which put the fearovitch  
Into the vanquished.  
And then the Japanese bands all  
played:  
"Trova, nivoveto, tsinarou wou,  
Waygao, tarenso, tsoun naramou;  
O wy no okayame, kefou a koyete  
wad ze diverna erat zezenoun.  
Banzai! Banzai! Banzai!"

#### WANTS HIS MONEY BACK.

Barney Mahler, who was going to construct an inter-urban line of railroad south of this city, but who has changed his mind, wants the \$200 he deposited with the city council as an evidence of good faith, returned. Through his attorneys he asked the city council for the cash, but that body filed his communication, the president stating that the money would just pay for "extra sweat and labor" on the part of the council. Of course Barney will now file suit. And of course Barney will get judgment, unless the city refunds the money. Because the city cannot hold a man up that way you know. And if the council for a minute thinks that Barney will not spend some more money chasing that \$200 then the council is mistaken.

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